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Clerk reading (LB 286). (amendments thereto) And then to those amendments, Mr. President, are the Stahmer amendments.

PRESIDENT: I'm sorry, I didn't catch that.

CLERK: To the committee amendments are the Stahmer amendments.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Is there any further discussion now of the committee amendments? Do you want an explanation of them? Senator Kennedy? Any further discussion of the committee amendments? Question is shall the committee amendments be adopted? All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. You're voting on the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 286 as read by the Clerk. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, no nays.

PRESIDENT: Committee amendments are adopted. Then we'll move on now to the consideration of the Stahmer amendment. Before we do that, we have 44 students and 9 mothers from District 63 in Fremont. The instructors are Mrs. Dee Hansock, Mrs. Mary Scheele. They're seated in the South Balcony and I hope Senator Johnson has had a chance maybe to get up just to speak to you. We're delighted to have you here today as visitors to the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. I think now the Chair again should remind the people in the balcony who are here today to hear the debate on this bill that there is to be no demonstration. There are to be no placards. There is to be no applause. This is a debate on a highly emotional issue and these are the same rules that are adopted by the Legislature for every instance of every bill that's debated here and again, the Chair would ask you to abide by that or--you leave me no choice other than to ask the Sergeant at Arms to escort you from the chamber. Thank you for your cooperation. Now, Senator Stahmer, back to you for your amendment to the committee amendments to LB 286.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and Members of the body and I would also like to speak to the people in the audience if I might. This is the amendments are proposed by the Nebraska Medical Association. I told them I would put them in for them. They are not amendments I would have drafted. Perhaps I would not have drafted any because I am not a doctor or a physician but these are the amendments that the Nebraska Medical Association had an ad hoc committee that went very carefully over the proposed committee amendments and they felt that these were the changes necessary, not in order perhaps to make "the best bill," whatever that would be, but in order to have the most conservative bill that would still meet the constitutional requirements. For that reason I agreed to put in these amendments. Now I think the chief thing we want to keep in mind is what we will pass that will stand a constitutional test. I, I think it is, would be widely beside the point to be debating what we would wish in view of the Supreme Court decision. If there were no decision, of course, we wouldn't even be here discussing this today. Since there was a Supreme Court decision, the, the question boils down to what in the opinions of the medical people and attorneys, will the court approve? I have offered these amendments. I understand there are amendments to be offered by Senator Anderson that will differ in some degree. I would call attention to the sheet that Senator Anderson, for instance, passed out--

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.